

Sooner State Granger

Master Message—Billy Shufeldt OK State Grange President



Hello again Oklahoma Grangers and all of our fellow Grangers across this great Nation. I hope this article finds you and your family healthy and happy. The whole year has gone by very fast. It is hard to believe our kids are already back in school, it seems like summer just stated.

The 106th Annual Oklahoma State Grange Convention will be held back in Claremore OK. at the Claremore Conference Center/ Holiday Inn Express located at 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore, OK. 74017. Unless something we have a State wide shut down because of Covid, we will have a full Convention this year with the Celebration Banquet (**Theme: Coat & Tie Event**).

Also, we will be having the usual contests put on by the State Lecturer Terry Stoelzing and the State Activities Director Lisa Evans.

This year is an election year so everyone needs to be thinking about all of our leadership positions and who would be the best candidates for those positions.

All of our Grangers also need to be preparing their resolutions for the State Convention, please send them to State Secretary Jeannie Harrington by October 1st, 2021.

Our Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship recipients will need to be there on Friday Oct. 22nd, 2021 to give their acceptance speech at the Celebration banquet. State Convention registration

forms are due by Sept. 15th, 2021, if possible, please get it to me ASAP. Look for the Registration form and the tentative State Convention agenda in this paper.

The National Grange Convention this year is being held at the Hyatt Regency Wichita Hotel in Wichita KS. On November 9th thru 13th 2021. We are one of the host States and I am needing volunteers to help with the behind the scene duties throughout the convention.

We will need people beginning the weekend of Nov. 6th, 2021 and until Nov. 14th, 2021. **The Oklahoma State Grange will cover your rooms and meals while you are there.** You do not have to come up and stay the whole time, just pick the dates you can come and let me know so I can get everything arranged. I will need to know how many hotel rooms I will need to reserve and when.

Oklahoma will have an exhibit table at the National Grange Convention. If you have anything that represents the Grange in Oklahoma or any product produced specifically in Oklahoma that you would like to display, Please bring to our State convention and we will be happy to show it off.

If anyone needs any help from Oklahoma State Grange Secretary Jeannie Harrington, you can reach her at email: jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com or mail to Rt. 1 Box 250 Wann, OK 74083 or phone number 918-559-9507.

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(continued from page 1) If anyone would like to post anything on our State website please fill free to contact Yvonne Meritt at 405-262-3354 or email her at sooner-stategranger@gmail.com.

If anyone needs anything from me, please fill free to contact me anytime.

Master Billy D. Shufeldt

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South Coffeyville OK 74072

Phone 918-842-0242

Proud Papa Billy!!!

Leo Miranda gets first tooth, son of William and Bailey (Shufeldt) Miranda. Grandson of State Master Billy and First Lady Lena.



Grange Mutual Insurance Association of Oklahoma

In accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Association, you are hereby notified that the Regular Annual Meeting of the membership will be held at:

Holiday Inn Express
1400 Country Club Rd, Claremore, OK 74017
Saturday, October 23, 2021, 12:00 Noon; meal will be provided; **Please RSVP** (800-871-2479)

The following members have been nominated for 3 year term on the Board of Directors: Two will be selected.

2021 Annual Meeting Election

Jerry Taylor

Randy Henry

Phillip Larmon

Agenda:

12-12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm Call to order

Declaration of quorum

Welcome

Registration closes

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Adjournment



Dear Junior Grangers,

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe during this year. School has started back for most of us by now, and we hope you are having

a good school year so far. This year the juniors will attend state session as of right now. We will be having state session in Claremore. We have some fun activities planned for state session and hope to see all of you.

Fraternally submitted,
Scheneista Procter
State Junior Director
Audrey Bowers
Kim Knight
Debbie Borgstrom
Committee members

**Oklahoma State Grange
106th Annual Session
Holiday Inn Express
Claremore, OK
October 22,23,24 2021**

Thursday, October 21, 2021

6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	9:30 a.m.	Elections of State Officers
7:00 p.m.	Grange Mutual Insurance Board Meeting		Committee Reports
8:00 p.m.	State Officers Practice	10:30 a.m.	Recess

Friday, October 22, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Registration of Delegate, Officers, Members and Guests Registration of Entries for Grange Activities Director's and Lecturer's Contests	10:45 a.m.	Elections Resumes Committee Reports
		12:00 p.m.	Recess
9:00 a.m.	Opening in the 6 th Degree 106th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange		Luncheon (Hosted by Grange Mutual Insurance)
		1:00 p.m.	Grange Mutual Insurance Meeting
9:30 p.m.	Lower to the 4 th Degree Roll Call of Officer & Directors Roll Call of Subordinate Grange Delegates Adoption of the Interim Agenda Recognition past Masters and Guests	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grange Mutual Insurance Board Meeting Session Resumes Continued Reports Recess (Dinner on your own) Session Resumes Raised to the 5 th Degree Fifth Degree Conferral
10:30 a.m.	Recess		Raise to the 6 th Degree
10:45 a.m.	State Master's Address Treasures & Secretary Reports Committee Assignments Resolution Assignments to Committees Reports		Sixth Degree Conferral by State Officers Closing of the Grange

Sunday, October 24, 2021

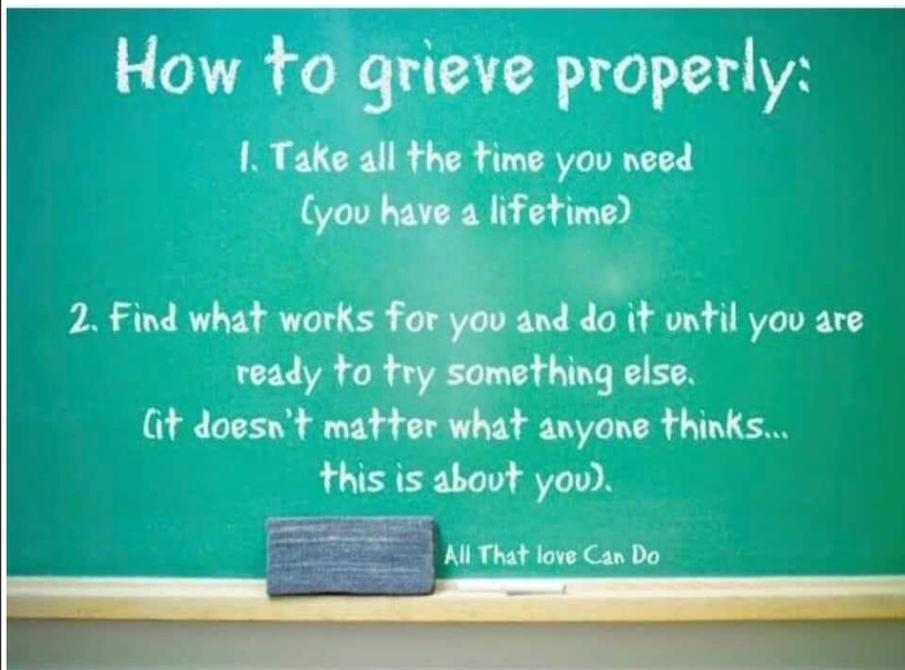
	Announcements Closing of the Grange	9:00 a.m.,	Worship Service and Memorial Service
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own		State Chaplain Yvonne Meritt
1:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings	10:00 a.m.	Opening of the Grange in the 4 th Degree
2:30 p.m.	Youth meets for Practice		Roll Call of Officers and Directors
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Banquet: Theme (Coat & Tie Event)		Roll Call of Delegate Reading and adoption of minutes from 2 nd day of State Session

Saturday, October 23, 2021

9:00 a.m.	Oklahoma State Grange Opens in the 4 th Degree Roll Call of Officers Roll Call of Delegates Reading and Adoptions of the minutes of the 1st day of Session	10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Recess Installation of Officers. Unfinished Business Motion for 3 rd day minutes approved by Executive Committee Closing of the 106 th Annual Session of the Oklahoma State Grange
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Chaplains Corner, Yvonne Meritt State Chaplain

Memorial Service for Grange members will be held on Sunday morning on Oct. 24 of State Session. Members who have passed during 2020 and 2021 will be honored.



Baby News



A baby shower was recently held for Andrew and Melody (Shufeldt) Finn also included in the picture above are Martha and Carl Shufeldt, Great Grandparents of the soon to be born baby girl. She is the Granddaughter of State Master Billy and First Lady Lena Shufeldt.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Directors

Carl Shufeldt and Jerry Taylor

Thanks to all the Subordinate Granges in keeping our membership up during difficult times this last year. We have 7 out of 19 Granges that have

had an increase in members this past quarter. They are Big Cabin, Oak View, Union, Bluejacket, Elm Bend, Cabin Creek, and Vinita. The total membership increase for this quarter is 50 members. Hope to see everyone at state session in October. We will have the breakdown of the total gain for the year at that time.

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTES

Jeannie Harrington, State Secretary

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well, in good health and staying safe.

This year, as in the past, the Oklahoma State Session will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Claremore, OK, October 22-24, 2021. As of this newsletter, we will be back to normal sessions. It will be great to see everyone again!

With that in mind, I am needing each Grange to send in your RESOLUTIONS and GRANGE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS by OCTOBER 1st.

I also need each Grange to send a list of your

officers.

If you have had any deaths of Grange members in the past 2 years, I would like for you to send me those names. These will be read and honored during the Memorial Service on Sunday at State Session.

Also, I will be needing the names of the DELEGATES from each Grange.

And don't forget the third quarter dues will need to be paid before State Session.

If you would like to send your reports by email please send them to:

jeannieharrington@rocketmail.com.



LeeAnn Bailey, Youth and Young Couple Director

Greeting Youth and Young Adults,

I hope this finds you all doing well and are staying healthy. I know that school is in full swing for most and the challenges you are facing currently are huge. The new COVID variant is not a force to reckon with and has affected numerous people. I pray if you have had COVID that you are doing okay and if you haven't, I pray you don't get it.

As far as State Session and National Session are concerned, plans are still moving forward. State Session will be held on October 22-24, 2021 in Claremore. I know for some that you will be in school on the 22nd but hope you can make plans to attend once school is out that Friday or on Saturday if you have football on that Friday night. If

you can let me know what your plans are for our State Session I would greatly appreciate it. I need to be able to try and plan for the drill team and know who will be there to help.

The National Grange Convention will be held November 9-13, 2021 in Wichita, KS. I have several that have applied for the 2021 National Grange Youth Officer's Team. The National Grange Convention is a lot of fun to attend and with it being so close this year will make traveling to it much easier.

For any of you that received the Oklahoma State Grange Scholarship, you need to get your required documents to Billy Shufeldt no later than September 15th. This is a requirement for receiving your first half of the scholarship. If you have any questions, be sure to reach out to me or to Bill.

I hope to see you all soon,

LeeAnn

GRANGE ACTIVIES

Lisa Evan, State Director

Hello Everyone,

The Oklahoma State Grange session will be here before we know it and I have included the contest.

Junior: Decorate a pumpkin, make a Christmas tree decoration, and make a bird feeder out of recycled material.

Youth: Make something out a plastic bottle (example water, pop, laundry bottle, and milk jug) make a bird feeder out of recycled items, and make an animal out of recycled material.

Women: Make a pumpkin out of any material (example wood, Mason jar, recycled item) make a Christmas tree decoration, and make something out of a Mason jar or jars.

Men: make an Outdoor Christmas decoration, make something to organize tools out of any material or recycled material, make a sign out of any material.

The community books will be due September 13th 2021 I encourage everyone to participate in developing a book, as I know each Grange is doing great work in the communities. Please note the total volunteer hours for each project in the book. The forms are on the Oklahoma State Grange website at okgrange.net Please mail the books to Lisa Evans P.O. Box 504 Ketchum, Ok. 74349

Prayers needed!!

At the time of this publication, Past First Lady of the Oklahoma State Grange Cheryl Shafer has had a stroke and is currently in a hospital in Oklahoma City. Her condition is serious. Please keep her and her husband Larry and extended family in your prayers. Cheryl is a member of Cherryvale Grange in Waukita Oklahoma.

**OKLAHOMA STATE GRANGE
CONVENTION
106th ANNUAL SESSION
OCTOBER 22-24, 2021**

Registration Form (Per Room)

**Holiday Inn Express
1400 Country Club Rd
Claremore, OK 74017
(918)283-4877**

Grange Name and # _____

Name _____ State Officer → Youth → Junior → Delegate → Director → Member → Guest →

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Address _____

Rooms- (This is a non-smoking hotel)
Please type of room needed.

Cost of rooms are \$79.00 per night not including tax.

Please each day room is needed.

Double or King or Handicap

Thursday Friday Saturday

Meals: Continental Breakfast is included with stay.
Friday lunch is on your own.

Friday Evening Banquet: (THEME: Coat & Tie Event)
Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Luncheon: Complements of Grange Mutual Insurance.
Adults # _____ Children # _____

Saturday Dinner is on your own.

Please list food allergies _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$20.00 ADULT _____
\$10.00 CHILD _____ (ages 5-13; Juniors room with Parents)
Total included with form: \$ _____

Please send money and registration form to:

Billy Shufeldt
RT. 1 Box 342-14
South Coffeyville, Ok 74072

State Master will make all room reservations. _____ (No later than September 15th, 2021)

Oklahoma State Grange takes care of only one room per Subordinate Grange.

Comments: _____

LECTURER'S DEPARTMENT

Terry Stoelzing, State Lecturer

Tips for gathering in person - less safe.

The CDC suggests we consider the following when making plans.

Community levels of COVID-19 - Check your state's positive rate. For Oklahoma, you can easily check it covid19.html. Higher levels of COVID-19 and community spread are important to consider. The higher those are, the greater the chance your event could be a source of infection to your guests.

Indoor gatherings are not as safe as outdoor gatherings. If you can, have your gathering outside. Bundle up if it's chilly and serve warm beverages. Indoor gatherings generally pose more risk than outdoor gatherings.

The duration of the gathering. Longer gatherings are riskier than shorter ones.

The number of people involved. The more is NOT the merrier when it comes to pandemic safety. Gatherings with more people pose more risk than gatherings with fewer people. While the CDC does not recommend a specific maximum number, your state, county or city might have limits in place.

The locations attendees are traveling from. Attendees who travel from different places bring a bigger risk than attendees who live in the same area. You neither want to bring COVID-19 into your gathering, nor send it home with your guests.

And finally, remember: Nothing lasts forever. This will change. One thing is for certain. Human beings are resilient. We've lived through wars, plagues, famines, natural disasters and, yes, other pandemics, and we will get through COVID-19. It may not always be easy, but we can do it. You can do it.

State Grange Contest Here are following contest are for this year's state session. The age groups will be 0-13, 14-18, and 19 and older. The Best

of Show adult division will be sent to nationals. To be judged there.

Photography—Categories

**Staycation
Protective mask
Hand drawn or painted**

Journalism - must be submitted with a 100 word max description.

Short Story The short story must be 1500 words long. May be hand written or typed. The subject matter needs to be Grange related.

Talent Show Hope we will be having our annual talent show at State session. The winner will receive \$100. National Convention will be having the evening of excellence virtually. All participants must send me the following information by October 1. Name, Grange name, what type of talent you will be performing, title of performance, and you are able to attend National Grange Session. My email is terrys@jmfarms.com.

Staycation- (0-13) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (14-18) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (19 and older) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10

Protective mask-(0-13) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (14-18) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (19 and older) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10

Hand drawn or painted-(0-13) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (14-18) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (19 and older) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10

Journalism - (5-13) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (14-18) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10 (19 and older) 1st 20,2nd15,3rd10

Short Story1st 20,2nd15,3rd10

Talent \$100

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Dates to Remember

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| Sept 13 | Community Service
Projects Due |
| Sept 15 | Registration Due |
| Oct. 22-24 | Oklahoma State
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Holiday Inn Express
Claremore, OK |
| Nov. 9-13 | National Grange
Convention, Hyatt
Regency Wichita,
KS |



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